

Council on Postsecondary Education  
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## Key Indicators of Progress: Update on Revision Process and Related Accountability Initiatives

The Council staff has begun the process of revising the Key Indicators of Progress toward Postsecondary Reform. A draft version of the revised indicators – distributed for review by Council members, institutions, and other reform partners in August and September – is [attached](#).

As reported at the July Council meeting, the Council staff has begun work on the first systematic effort to refine the key indicators. This process will result in a more streamlined list of indicators, and align the indicators more closely with national accountability initiatives. The staff also is working to expand the Council's related accountability efforts.

Progress to-date includes:

- ?? A work group made up of Council staff met during July and August to develop a draft list of revised indicators.
- ?? The draft indicators were distributed for review by Council members, the institutions, and other reform partners in late August.
- ?? A revised list – incorporating advice and commentary from the Council, reform partners, and the institutions – and baseline data for the revised indicators were distributed in mid-September.

During late September and early October, the Council staff will consult with the institutions and other reform partners to develop goals for the revised indicators.

Revision of the key indicators system is part of a larger accountability effort. The refined key indicators will continue to be organized around the five questions - the postsecondary system's public agenda. The Council will supplement this system with more detailed reports for legislators, as recommended in the Program Review and Investigation Committee's recent staff report. These supplemental reports will include institution-specific information organized around the six goals laid out in House Bill 1, and system and institutional profiles. To facilitate the development of an accountability system that complements campus initiatives, the Council staff collected

strategic plans, mission statements, and accountability reports from the institutions in late August.

Over the next several weeks, the Council staff will continue to consult with the institutions and other reform partners regarding the key indicators and the Council's overall accountability plan.

The staff will present a revised list of key indicators and goals and a detailed accountability reporting scheme for Council consideration at the November meeting.